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BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a study of the economic,
2 fiscal, and social impact of the living wage in Iowa.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. LIVING WAGE IMPACT STUDY. If funding is
1 2 approved or appropriated to the state board of regents for
1 3 such purposes, Iowa state university shall conduct a study
1 4 regarding the economic, fiscal, and social impacts of
1 5 establishing the living wage, also known as the
1 6 self=sufficiency wage, in Iowa. The study shall consider a
1 7 living wage with employer=provided health insurance and a
1 8 living wage without employer=provided health insurance. An
1 9 Iowa state university sociology professor, an Iowa state
1 10 university human development and family studies professor, and
1 11 an Iowa state university economics professor, all who
1 12 specialize in this area, shall conduct and coordinate the
1 13 study.

1 14 The department of workforce development, the department of
1 15 economic development, the department of human services, the
1 16 university of Iowa, the university of northern Iowa, the child
1 17 and family policy center, the Iowa policy project, and
1 18 representatives of labor organizations and associations
1 19 representing business and industry shall cooperate in
1 20 conducting the study.

1 21 Iowa state university shall submit a report about the
1 22 findings of the study to the general assembly by December 14,
1 23 2007.

1 24 EXPLANATION

1 25 This bill directs Iowa state university, contingent upon
1 26 funding, to conduct a study regarding the economic, fiscal,
1 27 and social effects that a living wage, or self=sufficiency
1 28 wage, would have in Iowa. The study shall consider a living
1 29 wage with employer=provided health insurance and a living wage
1 30 without employer=provided health insurance. Three Iowa state
1 31 university professors with specialized knowledge in this area
1 32 shall conduct and coordinate the study.

1 33 The bill requires that the department of workforce
1 34 development, department of economic development, department of
1 35 human resources, the university of Iowa, the university of
2 1 northern Iowa, the child and family policy center, the Iowa
2 2 policy project, and representatives of labor organizations and
2 3 business and industry associations also participate in the
2 4 study.

2 5 A report on the study's findings is due to the legislature
2 6 by December 14, 2007.

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